

MINUTES

of

72nd Annual Session

of the

Free Will Baptist

When convened at the permanent home of the Eureka Free Will Baptist Association, four miles east of Stigler or seven miles west of Keota, Okla., on Thursday night before the First Sunday in September, 1980, A.D.

The next session will convene at the Eureka Association Tabernacle, four miles east of Stigler, Oklahoma, on Thursday night before the First Sunday in September, 1981 A.D.

Thursday Evening
OPENING MESSAGE
Rev. A.J. Robinson
Alternate
Rev. Norman Woodruff

Friday, 11:00 A.M.
INTRODUCTORY SERMON
Rev. Fred Riddle
Alternate
Rev. Melvin Reading

Rev. Dale Wendlandt, Stigler, Moderator
Rev. A.J. Robinson, Asst. Moderator
Sis. Ruby LaFave, Rt. 1, Box 670, Stigler, Okla., Treasurer-Clerk
Sis. Lessie Bailes, 501 Mimosa Drive, Assistant Clerk

RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting, business shall be opened and concluded by prayer by the moderator, or whosoever he may call on.
2. Visiting ministers present are invited to seat in council and allowed to take part in debates on all subjects, but are not allowed to vote.
3. Those who speak shall arise and address the moderator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.
4. No motion shall be discussed without being seconded.
5. When a motion has been made and seconded and a member opposes its discussion, the moderator shall put question; shall it be discussed.
6. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and a vote taken.
7. A motion made and lost shall not be recorded.
8. No one shall speak more than twice on any subject without special permission of the Moderator.
9. The Moderator shall have the authority to object to any discussion not carried on in a Christian spirit.
10. All questions shall be decided by a majority of the members present.
11. No member shall absent himself or herself without special leave of the Moderator.
12. Minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected before the close of the Association.
13. The Rules of Order shall be distinctly read from the Chair immediately after organization of the Association.
14. Alterations shall be made in these rules at any regular session of this Association.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. House called to order by Moderator.
2. Letters called for and received.
3. Right hand of fellowship is extended.
4. Election of Officers.
5. Reading Rules of Order.
6. Petitionary letters called for.
7. Introductory sermon to be preached.
8. Inviting visiting Brethren to seat in Council.
9. Appointment of Committees.
10. New Business.
11. Miscellaneous Business.

CHURCH ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Called to order by Moderator.
2. Called into conference, or vote, to go into conference.
3. Call for peace of the Church, (all who are at peace with God and with other, hold up your right hand.)
4. Visiting brethren invited to seat in Council (Visiting members from other Free Will Baptist Churches.)
5. Reading of minutes of last conference.
6. Reading of Treasurer's report.
7. Unfinished business.
8. New business.

PREACHERS' AND DEACONS' MEETINGS

First—November 22, Keota Church.

Second—March 21, Iron Bridge Church

Third—May 23, Brooken Church.

PLACING OF FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS

First—Keota, November

Second—Iron Bridge, March

Third—Brooken, May.

THURSDAY NIGHT

Meeting was called to order by Moderator Rev. Dale Wendlandt. Singing was directed by Bro. Kenneth Kelley, singing "Jesus is Coming Soon," with Sis. Beulah Williams at the piano, prayer by Bro. Loyd Eakle. Had another song then united prayer. Services were then turned to Bro. Claud Royce for the devotional. After devotional service, had prayer which was lead by Rev. Ward Fellabaum. Rev. Glenn Kates, speaker for Thursday night, took the stand, reading from II Chronicles 2: 7 Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Homer Brown.

FRIDAY MORNING

Meeting was called to order at 10 o'clock by Moderator Rev. Dale Wendlandt. Singing was directed by Bro. Roscoe Hulsey, singing, "My God Is Real," with Sis. Beulah Williams at the piano. Devotional reading was by Rev. Robert Carter, reading from I Corinthians 1: 9-10. Prayer was by Rev. Carter. Motion made by Rev. Walker Wood to enter into conference to transact any business that might come before the body. Prayer was by Rev. P.E. Lambert. The moderator called for the letters and received 14. Motion was made by Rev. A.J. Robinson to receive the letters and seat the delegates. Had song and right hand of fellowship was given by Moderator Rev. Wendlandt.

The first item of business was the election of officers for another year. Rev. Dale Wendlandt was retained as moderator. Rev. A.J. Robinson was elected assistant moderator. Sis. Ruby LaFave, the clerk and treasurer, and Sis. Lessie Bailes, assistant clerk, were retained to serve another year. Rules of order were read by Assistant Moderator Rev. A.J. Robinson. Call for petitionary letters. Received none. All visiting ministers were invited to sit in council. As time didn't permit the appointing of committees, the conference was dismissed in prayer by Rev. Robert Carter.

INTRODUCTORY MESSAGE

Had united prayer. Singing was directed by Bro. Abb Wallen singing, "When We All Get to Heaven," with Sis. Beulah Williams at the piano. Prayers were by Rev. Argie Peterson and Bro. Otho Williams. Service was turned to Rev. Dale Wendlandt for the 11 o'clock message. Reading was taken from II Corinthians 8: 7-15. Text was "That we might abound in all things and in the grace also." Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Lee Smith.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Service was opened with a song, "I need no mansion here," directed by Bro. Abb Wallen. Sis. Lambert played the piano. Devotional reading was by Bro. Roscoe Hulsey, reading from Romans 1: 8 and 16. Prayer was by Bro. Vanis King. The moderator declared the body back into conference and called for letters, receiving none.

The next item of business was the appointing of committees. See committees. Had singing while waiting on committee reports. Letters of recommendation from the San Joaquin Valley Association on Rev. Ben Bush and from the Arkansas Association on Rev. Robert Carter was read by Clerk Ruby LaFave.

Report of pulpit committee was heard. See committees. Reading of the treasurer's report by the clerk. See report. Motion was made by Sis. Zelma Adams to receive the report as read. Had song then service was turned to Rev. Ben Bush who was speaker for the afternoon message. Reading was taken from Acts 2: 25-28. Text was, "Revealing God's word. After the message, a short testimony service was held. Report of examining council. See report. Motion was made by Rev. Ben Bush to receive the report. Motion was made by Bro. Lee Smith to adjourn conference until 10 o'clock Saturday morning. Dismissed in prayer by Sis. Artie Lee Nolen.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Meeting was called to order by Assistant Moderator Rev. A.J. Robinson. The song, "Springtime in Glory," was directed by Bro. Abb Wallen with Sis. Beulah Williams at the piano. Prayer was by Bro. Mack Kinsey. Special song, "Beautiful Life" was sung by Rev. Monroe Lacy, Sis. Joyce Wendlandt, Bro. Mack Kinsey, Sis. Artie Lee Nolen and Sis. Lucille Kelton with Sis. Beulah Williams at the piano. Service was turned to Sis. Beulah Cordle for the devotional service. Heard some wonderful testimonies. After testimonial service, Rev. Melvin Reading took the stand for the Friday night message. His reading was taken from II Corinthians 4:3. Text was "But if our Gospel be hid, it is hid to them who are lost." Had invitational song. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Ben Bush.

SATURDAY MORNING

Meeting was called to order by Moderator Rev. Dale Wendlandt. Singing was directed by Bro. Abb Wallen. Song was, "My God Is Real," with Sis. Allene Pearce at the piano. Devotional reading by Rev. Ward Fellabaum reading from I Corinthians 1: 4-10. Prayer was by Rev. Monroe Lacy. Declared back into conference by moderator. Called for letters, received three. Motion was made by Bro. Lee Smith to receive the letters and seat the delegates. Had song and right-hand of fellowship was given by moderator. Rev. Dale Wendlandt read a letter he had received from Rev. Wade Jernigan asking for the use of the Free Will Baptist Tabernacle the first week after our association convenes in 1981. Motion made by Rev. Ben Bush to grant his request. Conference was adjourned and dismissed in prayer by Bro. Sonny Owens.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Singing directed by Bro. Abb Wallen, singing "When I Thank Him For What He Has Done," with Sis. Allene Pearce at the piano. Had united prayer. Song, "There Is So Little Time," was directed by Bro. A.J. Pearce with Sis. Pearce at the piano. Names of the ones who had departed this life since our last association were read by the clerk, Ruby LaFave. See Obituary Committee report for the names. Prayer was by Bro. Eddie Cooper. Service was turned to Rev. Archie Peters for the memorial message. Reading was from St. John 11: 1-2. Text was "Death of Lazarus". Dismissed in prayer by Bro. B.F. Davis to meet back at one o'clock Saturday afternoon.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Meeting was called to order by moderator. Singing was directed by Bro. A.J. Pearce singing, "Just A Little Talk with Jesus," with Sis. Allene Pearce at the piano. Prayer was by Rev. Fred Riddle. Devotional reading by Bro. Vanis King, reading from Isaiah 55: 1-9. Prayer by Rev. A.J. Robinson. Declared back into conference by moderator. Since the fourth quarterly meeting comes in August 1981 so close to the time of our association, a motion was made by Billy Joe Long to omit that meeting.

Placing of quarterly meetings. See Quarterly Meetings. Motion made by Bro. Billy Joe Long to get a committee to study the feasibility of building a new tabernacle and report back at the first quarterly meeting. The ones placed on the committee were: Bro. Bill Apple, Rev. Fred Riddle and Bro. Billy Joe Long. Sis. Lessie Bailes, treasurer of the youth camp building fund, gave her report with \$1416.19 in treasury. Motion made by Bro. Roscoe Hulsey to receive the report. All committees were dismissed to bring in the final reports. Report of Pulpit Committee. See reports. Motion made by Rev. Ward Fellabaum to receive all reports and dismiss the committees, a rising vote of thanks was given to the men who worked so faithfully renovating the youth camp buildings. Motion made by Bro. Lee Smith to dismiss conference, hoping to meet again in year 1981. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Curtis Maxwell.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Service opened by singing, "My Lord Keeps a Record," directed by Bro. Roscoe Hulsey, with Sis. Joy Roye at the piano. Prayer was by Bro. Frank Clyma. Had song, "Jesus Hold My Hand." Prayer was by Bro. Raymond Shepherd. Had a song, "He Set Me Free," and united prayer.

Service turned to Bro. Redmon Brigrance to lead devotional. Heard some wonderful testimonies. Had united prayer. The service was then turned to Rev. Tommy Brown for the Saturday night message. Reading from Acts 20: 27-28. Text was "To feed the church of God." Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Bill Apple. We enjoyed good singing, testimonies and preaching all during our association.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Bro. Roscoe Hulsey, Sis. Sallie Smith, Sis. Beulah Cordle. We, your committee, beg leave to report that we have lost eight members. Names received are as follows: Keota—Sis. Maud Lou Hayes; McCurtain—Sis. Samantha Lemley, Bro. Nathan Gibson; Cross Roads, Bro. Bill Scoggin, Bro. John Ragle, Bro. Bill Jones; Perry—Sis. Nellie LaFave, Sis. Eva Cook. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

PULPIT COMMITTEE

Bro. Billy Joe Long, Sis. Thelma Phillips, Sis. Artie Lee Nolen. Thursday night, Bro. Glenn Kates brought the message. Bro. Claude Royce conducted devotional. Friday morning introductory message. Bro. Dale Wendlandt brought the message. Friday night, Bro. Melvin Reading brought the message, Sis. Beulah Cordle had charge of the devotional service. Saturday morning, Bro. Archie Peters brought the memorial message. Saturday night, Bro. Tommy Brown brought the message. Bro. Redmond Brigance led devotional.

EXAMINING COUNCIL

5-year-man—Rev. Fred Riddle
4-year-man—Rev. Melvin Reading
3-year-man—Rev. Norman Woodruff
2-year-man—Rev. Don Woods
1-year-man—Rev. Dale Wendlandt

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

5-year-man—Rev. Ben Bush
4-year-man—Bro. Roy Perryman
3-year-man—Bro. Short Brigance
2-year-man—Rev. Dale Wendlandt
1-year-man—Rev. Glenn Kates

YARD COMMITTEE

3-year-man—Bro. Raymond Patton
2-year-man—Bro. Johnnie Bratton
1-year-man—Bro. Redmon Brigance
Honorary members—W.M. LaFave, Bro. Snowden Robinson, Bro. Otho Williams, and Bro. Bob Bailes.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Bro. Bill Apple, Sis. Susie Moore and Bro. Claud Royce. No report.

QUERY AND REQUEST

No report. Bro. Vanis King, Bro. Eddie Cooper, Sis. Alice Tabor.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sis. Jewell Robinson, Sis. Jessie Timmons, Sis. Joyce Wendlandt. See financial report. Minute money, \$268.00; yard money, \$265.00; delegate money for the state association, \$325.00.

GENERAL BOARD MEMBER

Bro. Ben Bush

REPORT OF EXAMINING COUNCIL

(1) We, your examining council, beg leave report as follows: We, your committee, recommend that Rev. Robert Carter be accepted in full fellowship in the Eureka Association.

(2) We recommend that Bro. Leon Bohanan be ordained to be a deacon. He's a member of Pioneer Free Will Baptist Church.

(3) We recommend that Bro. Jess Davis be ordained to be a deacon. He is also a member of the Pioneer Free Will Baptist Church.

(4) We, your examining council, have examined Bro. George Bullard to be ordained as a deacon or to be licensed to preach the gospel. We, the council, have recommended that he have more time before he be licensed.

Due to the good attendance at the quarterly meetings and preachers' and deacons' meetings no name was excluded from the examining council and executive committees, referring to resolution #24.

As treasurer of the F.W.B. Association, I bring to you my yearly report. Time covered, Sept. 1979 to Sept. 1980. Had left in treasury at the end of year 1979,714.35
Collections, yard and minute money and delegate fees.....745.00
Refund from R.E.A.....4.31
Four-County Singing Convention.....20.00
Brooken Church, for minutes10.00
McCurtain Church, for youth camp expenses25.00
Lone Elm, for youth camp expenses.....25.00
Porum, for youth camp expenses40.00
Perry, for youth camp expenses35.00
Lafayette, for youth camp expenses50.00

Rose Hill, for youth camp expenses	60.00
N.S. Sallisaw, for youth camp expenses	25.00
Cass, for youth camp expenses	20.00
First Sallisaw, for youth camp expenses	27.00
Keota, for youth camp expenses	25.00
Concession Stand for youth camp.....	232.15
Donation by Charlynnne Shaw	45.00
Sold five treaties.....	5.25
Donation by Bro. Chitwood.....	5.00
Donation.....	19.00
Making in treasury	\$2212.05

DISBURSEMENTS

Cookson Hills Co-op.....	47.66
Joyce Wendlandt, trunk for song books	13.00
Lessie Bailes, Asst. Clerk duty.....	35.00
Ricketts Music Co., rent on piano.....	50.00
State Association, delegates fees	320.00
Ruby LaFave, Clerk and Treasury duties.....	50.00
Stigler News-Sentinel, 300 minutes	241.52
Bob Bailes	140.69
Shelton's Super Mkt., youth camp supplies	180.46
Stigler Superette, youth camp supplies	99.84
Stigler Food Mart, candy for youth camp	53.30
Joyce Wendlandt, supplies for youth camp	31.00
June Looper, teachers' supplies	24.88
Jerry Copeland, drinks for youth camp.....	40.00
Farmers Ins. Co., premium on insurance.....	287.00
White's Grocery, ice for youth camp	36.62
Total expense	1650.97
Leaving in Treasury.....	561.08

Prayerfully submitted by

Ruby LaFave, Association Treasurer

DELEGATES

PORUM—Bro. John Duke, Sis. Ruby Duke, Sis. Evelyn Mooney, Sis. Audie Woods. Pastor, Rev. P.E. Lambert. Clerk, Jean Spradlin.

LAFAYETTE—Bro. Roy Holt, Bro. Bob Bailes, Bro. Raymond Patton. Pastor, Rev. Henry Kates. Clerk, Sis. Alva Patton.

PIONEER FREE WILL BAPTIST—Bro. Leon Bohanan, Bro. Jess Davis, Bro. George Bullard, Sis. Lillian Bohanan, alternate. Pastor, Rev. Kenneth Turpin. Clerk, Sis. Linda Smith.

KEOTA—Sis. Alice Tabor, Sis. Ritta Keller, Bro. Kenneth Burnes, Sis. Kid Finch, alternate. Pastor, Rev. Dale Wendlandt. Clerk, Zelma Adams.

ROCK FORD—Bro. Billy Joe Long, Sis. Beatrice Long, Bro. Bill Long, Sis. Francene Blaylock, alternate. Pastor Rev. John Maxwell Jr. Clerk, Sis. Francene Blaylock.

CASS—Sis. Artie Lee Nolen, Sis. Betty Bratton, Sis. Josie Nolen, Sis. Nell Kinsey, alternate. Pastor, Rev. Ward Fellabaum. Clerk, Sis. Bernice Bisby

CROSSROADS—Bro. Lee Smith, Bro. Robert Neldon, Sis. Lillie Jones, alternates, Sis. Pearl Horton, Sis. Geneva Brazeal. Pastor, Rev. Herchel Hickman. Clerk, Sis. Ethel Neldon.

IRON BRIDGE—Bro. Jack Kates, Sis. Beulah Cordle, Sis. Florence Kates, Bro. Redmon Brigance, alternate. Pastor, Rev. Robert Carter. Clerk, Sis. Clara Doss.

LONE ELM—Sis. Agnes Mooneyham, Sis. Jessie Timmons, Sis. Hazel Cowan, Sis. Jewell Shaw, alternate. Pastor, Rev. Fred Riddle. Clerk, Sis. Marie Perdue.

PERRY—Sis. Sallie Smith, Susie Moore, Martha Thompson, Clarence Thompson, alternate. Pastor, Rev. Tommy Brown. Clerk, Imogene Kelley.

FISH CREEK—Bro. Bill Burgess, Sis. Verna Kasiner, Sis. Geraldine Roye. Alternate, Sis. Imogene Young. Pastor, Rev. Norman Woodruff. Clerk, Sis. Charlene Burgess.

ROSE HILL—Bro. Roscoe Hulse, Bro. Claud Roye, Sis. Juanita Robertson, Bro. Henry Roye, alternate.

TAMAHA—Sis. Carol Lewis, Sis. Jan Smith, Bro. Neil Lewis, Sis. Rhodie Parker, alternate. Clerk, Clara Ward.

MCCURTAIN—Bro. Eddie Cooper, Bro. Larry Palmer, Sis. Thelma Phillips, Sis. Gloria Jean Palmer. Pastor, Bro. Ben Bush. Clerk, Sis. Jennie Wilson.

NORTHSIDE F.W.B., Sallisaw—Bro. Brian Bidwell, Bro. Jerry Copeland, Sis. Hazel Clough, Sis. Vera Norrid, alternate. Pastor, Rev. Watie Hendrix. Clerk, Sis. June Looper.

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST, Sallisaw—Sis. Artie Pruitt, Sis. Mattie Mainus, Sis. Marie Looper. Pastor, Rev. Archie Peters, Clerk, Pauline Tounzen

BROOKEN—Bro. A.J. Pearce, Sis. Allene Pearce, Sis. DeAnn Pearce, Pastor, Rev. A.J. Robinson. Clerk, Kay Smith.

DELEGATES TO STATE ASSOCIATION

Bro. Ed Tatman, Crossroads Church; Sis. Lessie Bailes, Lafayette Church; Sis. Ruby LaFave, Perry Church; Rev. Hercel Hickman, Bro. Eddie Cooper.

1979 ASSOCIATION MINISTERS

Rev. Robert Carter	Keota, OK
Rev. Curtis Suttles	966-3273, Keota OK
Rev. Hercel Hickman	967-4567, Stigler, OK
Rev. A.J. Robinson	967-2939, Stigler, OK
Rev. C.A. Brown	Kinta, OK
Rev. Curtis Maxwell	966-3334, Keota, OK
Rev. Norman Woodruff	967-4972, Rt. 1, McCurtain,
Rev. Walker Wood	484-5912, Porum, OK
Rev. Hugo Smith	Stigler, OK
Rev. Fred Riddle	967-4800, Stigler, OK
Rev. Troy Madewell	945-7362, McCurtain, OK
Rev. Melvin Reading	967-4487, McCurtain, OK
Rev. John Maxwell Jr.	966-2783, Keota, OK
Rev. Luther Brown	364-7133, Kinta, OK
Rev. Barney Phillips	Checotah, OK
Rev. Curtis Bias	Sallisaw, OK
Rev. Dale Tanksley	966-3217, Keota,
Rev. Archie Peters	501-474-6146, Rt. 3, Van Buren, AR

Rev. Watie Hendrix	Gans,
Rev. Dale Wendlandt	967-8631, Stigler, OK
Rev. P.E. Lambert	484-5266, Porum, OK
Rev. Tommy Brown	963-4395, Keota, OK
Rev. Henry Kates	1015 NW 10, 967-2389, Stigler, OK
Rev. Glenn Kates	755-6127, 803 W. Argile, Sallisaw, OK
Rev. Raymond Qualls	427-5069, Muldrow, OK
Rev. Harold Morris	Fort Smith, AR
Rev. Ward Fellabaum	967-4725, Stigler, OK
Rev. Don Woods	967-2937, Stigler, OK
Rev. Nathaniel Craig	962-2578, Keota, OK
Rev. L.T. Brown	Midwest City, OK
Rev. Ben Bush	945-7595, McCurtain, OK

1979 ASSOCIATION DEACONS

Bro. Short Brigance, Route 1, Keota, OK 74941	966-3349
Bro. Otho Williams, Route 1, Keota, OK 74941	966-3762
Bro. Johnnie Bratton, Stigler, OK 74462	967-2727
Bro. Snowden Robinson, 805 NE A Stigler, OK 74462	967-2677
Bro. Mack Kinsey, Stigler, OK 74462	967-2950
Bro. Frank Fenton, Route 2, Stigler, OK 74462	967-8573
Bro. Clifton Few, Route 4, Stigler, OK 74462	967-4993
Bro. Roy Perryman, Route 2, Stigler, OK 74462	967-4066
Bro. Nath Gibson, McCurtain, OK 74944	945-7513
Bro. Marvin Lankford, McCurtain, OK	945-7481
Bro. Harold Barkley, McCurtain, OK 74944	945-7331
Bro. Abb Wallen, 809 NE A, Stigler, OK 74462	967-2562
Bro. Mitchell L. Blaylock, Route 1, Cartersville, OK	962-3362
Bro. Frank Clyma, Route 2, Keota, OK	966-3627
Bro. Roland Smith, Route 2, Keota, OK 74941	966-3683
Bro. Kenneth Kelley, Route 1, Stigler, OK 74462	967-4951
Bro. Larry Pugh, Route 1, Stigler, OK 74462	967-4074
Bro. Idis Daniel, Route 1, Kinta, OK 74552	967-2966
Bro. John Ragle, 311 N. Broadway, Stigler, OK 74462	967-8718
Bro. Kenneth Trickett, Stigler, OK	967-2390
Bro. Bill Apple, Stigler, OK 74462	967-4588
Bro. Cecil Wickersham, 506 NW K, Stigler	967-2319
Bro. Clayton Stephens, Porum, OK 74455	484-5510
Bro. Jess Standifer, Warner, OK 74469	463-2403
Bro. O.C. Crouch, Porum, OK 74455	
Bro. Clarence Pearce, Eufaula, OK 74452	
Bro. Leonard Westbrook, Route 4, Stigler, OK	
Bro. Jodie McKinney	
Bro. Gene Medlock, Keota, OK 74941	966-3749
Bro. Claud Winn, Keota, OK 74941	966-3472
Bro. Albert Dobson, Stigler, OK 74462	
Bro. George Folsom, Keota, OK 74941	966-3825
Bro. Nolen Smith, Keota, OK 74941	966-3354
Bro. R.A. Owens, Box 44, Gans, OK	

Bro. Melvin Duty, 813 W. Port Arthur, Sallisaw, OK	
Bro. Dewayne Brown, Sallisaw, OK 74955	
Bro. Owen Scott, Sallisaw, OK 74955	775-4597
Bro. B.F. Davis, Sallisaw, OK 74955	775-2648
Bro. Abe Sasser, Sallisaw, OK 74955	775-3143
Bro. O.E. Lamb, Sallisaw, OK 74955	
Bro. Vanis King, Route 1, McCurtain, OK 74944	967-4452
Bro. Lester Woodruff, Route 1, McCurtain, OK 74944	967-4558
Bro. George Fowler, Route 1, McCurtain, OK 74944	967-4466
Bro. Donald Jones, Keota, OK 74941	966-3257
Bro. Bernard Williamson, Keota, OK 74941	966-3402
Bro. Tommy McClary, Keota, OK 74941	966-3479
Bro. Doc Lowe, Keota, OK 74941	966-3932
Fred Eakle, Stigler, OK, Route 1	967-2763
Loyd Eakle, Stigler, OK, Rt. 1	967-4710
Kenneth Ward, Stigler, OK, Route 1	967-4402
Johnny Wilson, Sallisaw, OK	
O.E. Lamb, Route 2, Sallisaw, OK	918-755-5176
Homer Brown, Keota, OK	966-3296
Bro. Charlie Howell	Stigler, OK
Bro. Larry Ross	Stigler, OK
Bro. Donald Bush	Stigler, OK
Bro. Leon Bohanan	Stigler, OK
Bro. Jess Davis	Stigler, OK

CONSTITUTION

From the long experience, we the members of the Free Will Baptist Church of God, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Jesus Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches to perpetuate a union among us and to preserve and maintain correspondence with each other, we therefore ordain this constitution for better church government.

1. This association shall be composed of members chosen by different churches in our union, not exceeding three delegates from each church and on producing letters shall be entitled to seats.

2. Letters from different churches are to express the number in fellowship, the number received by experience of grace, number by letter of recommendation, the number dismissed, excluded, restored, and those who have died since the association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened, to be denominated the Eureka Association of Free Will Baptists, being composed of sundry churches in the Eureka Association—the association having no power to lord it over God's heritage nor to have any ecclesiastical power over any church becoming disorderly.

4. The association to have a Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk and Treasurer who are to be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

5. No question from any church shall come under consideration of the association unless it has first been discussed in its own church.

6. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the association, except when it is withdrawn by the member who made it.

7. The association is to endeavor to furnish the church with minutes of the association in proportion to the number of members in each church, distribution being at discretion of the association.

8. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a regular file of the minutes of the association for that purpose.

9. The minutes of the association shall be read and corrected if needed and signed by the moderator and clerk before the close of the association.

10. Amendments to the constitution may be made when it is necessary, by a majority of the members present.

11. Be it resolved that an ordaining council for the ministers and deacons be composed of three (3) ordained ministers in good standing in association.

12. Be it resolved that all money to be sent to the treasurer of the association.

13. The Examining Committee of the association shall examine ministers for license at the request of the church of which candidate is a member.

14. The Examining Committee shall examine at the end of one year, licensed ministers and deacons for ordination at the request of the church of which the minister and deacon is a member. Request shall be made to association or the 5th Sunday meeting.

15. The voting power of the association shall be ordained ministers, their wives, ordained deacons and their wives, church clerk, and duly elected delegates from each church. The above shall be in good standing with the association.

16. Be it resolved that we adopt the old original Free Will Baptist Treatise as our rule, Faith and Practice.

17. Be it resolved that we adopt the Church Covenant found in our old original Free Will Baptist Treatise.

18. Be it resolved that no business from a local church shall be considered by this body unless it be included in the regular church letter and that this letter can only contain items that have been approved by the local church when in conference.

RESOLUTIONS—1961

1. Be it resolved that all resolutions adopted by the Eureka Association be printed in conclusion with our constitution and be carried in print from year to year as a part of our Rules and Laws.

2. Be it resolved that we adopt the rule that when a church selects deacons, that they be set aside on trial for 12 months, before being ordained. The deacon acting during the 12 months, but not ordained before the 12 months are up.

Board control over the Youth Camp. This resolution was adopted, 1961. Rev. C.E. Kennedy, Rev. Major Followill, Bro. Leamon Harrell, Bro. Vanis King, Bro. Abb Wallen, Committee.

RESOLUTIONS—1963

4. Resolutions—Rev. Bailey Thompson, Bro. Otho Williams, Bro. Bernard Williamson.

As we are all interested in our youth, and we all have a part in youth camp, be it resolved that we form a committee, composed of one delegate from each church in the association, to meet with the Executive Board, at a time and place designated by the Executive Board, to work out plans, policy, changes, etc. Each church elects its own delegate.

RESOLUTIONS—1964

Resolution Committee—Bro. Abb Wallen, Rev. P.E. Lambert, Rev. Robert Carter, Bro. Bob Bailes, Rev. Kennedy. 1964 Resolutions:

5. Be it resolves that our Clerk receive an honorarium of \$50.00 and our Assistant Clerk \$35.00. (Revised 1976, Resolution Committee)

RESOLUTIONS—1965

Resolution Committee—Rev. Wayne Patton, Bro. Bernard Williamson, Sis. Etta Peck, 1965 Resolutions:

6. We resolve that the churches of our association go over church rolls once a year and keep up to date.

7. We, the Resolution Committee, suggest that the names of the Ministers not found to be orthodox or who have moved or are deceased, be removed from the list of ministers in the minutes.

RESOLUTIONS—1966

Bro. P.E. Lambert, Bro. Olen Faulkenberry, Bro. Curtis Suttles.

8. Be it resolved that the Eureka Association convene on Thursday night before the first Sunday in September instead of Wednesday night.

RESOLUTIONS—1967

9. Be it resolved that the teachers for the Youth Camp be elected a month at least, before the camp time, so they will have more time for preparation.

RESOLUTIONS—1968

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE—Bro. Gean Thomas, Bro. Curtis Suttles, Bro. Sherman Webb.

10. Let us resolve that the Eureka Association go on record that we do not believe or teach that Christ will set up a literal Kingdom on this earth which is known as a pre-millennial reign of 1000 years.

RESOLUTIONS—1969

11. We, your Resolution Committee, request Bro. Snowden Robinson be made an honorary member of the Yard Committee.

RESOLUTIONS—1970

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE—Bro. Raymond Shepherd, Bro. Walker Woods, Bro. Vanis King.

12. Be it resolved that no new minister serve on association board until he is a member for one year.

RESOLUTIONS—1972

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE—Bro. Tommy James, Bro. James Williams, Bro. Luther Brown.

13. Be it resolved, that any of our preachers or churches found to be tolerating the doctrine of unknown tongues, or anointing with oil for the healing of the body shall be considered guilty of heresy and shall be required to make acknowledgment to this body or stand suspended.

RESOLUTIONS—1973

14. Be it resolved that any minister and deacons refusing to attend and support quarterly meetings, preacher and deacons meetings and the association, by letter or person, shall be subject to discipline, unless providently hindered.

15. Be resolved that when a minister comes from another association to pastor a church in the Eureka Association that he be referred to the Examining Council for examination.

16. Be it resolved that we abstain from preaching or teaching from the Living Word Bible.

17. Newly organized churches may petition for membership by letter upon an examination by the Examining Council. If found orthodox and orderly they may be received into the association by majority vote present. The Moderator may give the right hand of fellowship.

RESOLUTIONS—1976

19. We, your Committee, request that our association send in the \$320.00 to the State Association Treasurer and that each church pay their \$20.00 into the Association Treasurer. If a church is not willing or able, let it be known and the Association will take care of it.

RESOLUTIONS—1978

Be it resolved that Article #14 be changed to read that any minister or deacon refusing to attend and support the quarterly meetings, preachers and deacons meeting and the association by letter or person shall be subject to discipline unless providently hindered. Committee: Bro. Otho Williams, Bro. Andy Campbell and Bro. Melvin Reading. Adopted at Lone Elm.

21. Be it resolved that no business from a local church shall be considered by this body unless it be included in the regular church letter. And that this letter can only contain items that have been approved by the local church when in conference. We recommend that this be added to our constitution as item #18. Committee: Bro. Archie Peters, Bro. Kenneth Turpin and Bro. Melvin Reading. Adopted at Forum.

22. Be it resolved that all deacons' names, addresses and phone numbers be placed in our minutes.

23. Be it resolved that we strike resolution #13 from our resolutions, and that we make a resolution that we do not believe in having prayer lines or the teaching of laying on of the hands for the healing of our bodies in our churches.

24. Be it resolved that the executive board have a standing board meeting on Saturday afternoon of the ministers and deacons meeting. Let the one year man serve as chairman and the 3 year man serve as secretary. Let the secretary of the executive board report the board members' attendance of these meetings to the secretary of the Eureka Association. Let the position or place of any member who does not attend at least two of these four regularly scheduled meetings be declared vacant. These regularly scheduled meetings are not to prevent the board from meeting at its own discretion.

25. Be it resolved that the Examination Council have a standing board meeting on Saturday afternoon of the Associational Meeting and each Saturday afternoon of the 5th Sunday meetings.

Let the one year man serve as Chairman and the three year man as secretary.

Let the secretary of the examination council report the board members' attendance of these meetings to the secretary of the Eureka Association.

Let the position or place of any board member be declared vacant who does not attend at least 3 of the regularly scheduled meetings.

These regularly scheduled meetings are in no way to infer or insinuate that this board cannot meet at other times at the bidding of the Eureka Association or the 5th Sunday Meetings.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise, by His grace, to love and obey Him in all things to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy

conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel; nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace. To be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme, counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end, we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify as wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are one in divine essence, power and glory Romans 1-2; 1st John 1:7; John 17:21.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice. Second Timothy 3-16; Matthew 5-18.

3. We believe that God created man good, and gave His holy commandments whereby he should live holy, but man voluntarily fell under the just condemnation of the same, whereby all mankind are sinners, not by constraint, but by choice, being partakers of the sinful nature attained by the fall and that man is unable to save himself with his own power, but we see Jesus for suffering of death crowned with glory. That He by the grace of God should taste death for every man. Gen.3:17; Heb. 2:9.

4. We believe that Christ by His death, suffering and resurrection purchased our pardon and offered it freely to all mankind upon principles of repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He now commands all men everywhere to repent therefore he sayeth, "Look unto Me and be saved, all Ye ends of the earth, for I am God and there is none else." Matt. 4:17; Isaiah 45:22; Acts 20:20.

5. We believe that adult persons must be regenerated and born of the Spirit of God, to inherit eternal life. John 3:3; 1st Peter 1:23.

6. We believe that infants and idiots are saved upon the merit of the Son of God. Jonah 4:11; Mark 10:14; Duet. 1:39.

7. We believe that all Christians must persevere in grace and be faithful to the end if they may have right to the tree of life and enter through the gate into the city. We believe God's grace is sufficient so long as they walk in the path of duty, but those who wilfully refuse or neglect to perform their duty would backslide and if persist continually would be eternally lost. 1st Peter 1:4-5, 1st Cor. 10: 1-13, Hebrews 12: 15-17, 1st John 5:16, Hebrews 6:6, 2nd Peter 2:20.

8. The Terms of Salvation. The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance of sincere sorrow for sin and hearty reunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience unto death.

9. We believe that God in His goodness displays His power of grace in great degree in calling and qualifying His servants by teaching of the Holy Ghost and by instruction of His word to go forth and nothing prevents the salvation of any but their stubborn rebellion and sinful refusal to come. I Cor. 12:13; Eph. 3:7; Rev. 22:17.

10. To replace No. 10—In Articles of Faith, 1963 change. We believe that Baptism, (The Immersion of Believers in water). The Lord's Supper and feet washing, are divine ordinances of the Gospel. The Lord's Supper, which is to be observed by all believers at night, and to be followed by the ordinance of feet washing, which teaches humility of universal obligation, to be practiced by all believers. Mark 14:22; John 13:4-14; Matt. 28:19-20 and 1st Tim. 5:10.

11. We believe that none have a right to baptism only those who have a living hope in the Lord Jesus Christ, and none have the right to administer the same only those who have come under the hands of the presbytery of Elders, and each church ought to have a pastor, deacon and clerk chosen by the church, who hold office during the good pleasure of same; dealing with disorderly members, reference should be had to the 18th chapter of Matthew and other Scriptures relative to dealing with disorderly members, and then it must be unanimous. Titus 1: 5; Acts 14:23; II Corinthians 6:6.

12. We believe it is the duty of each church to assemble themselves together once a month and that it is the duty of the pastor of the church in the setting forth of the Lord's Supper and washing of the Saint's feet to let everyone examine himself and so let him eat. I Cor. 11:28; John 13:14.

13. We believe that sanctification and holiness is a Bible doctrine that immortality is God dwelling in the lives so when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption and this mortal shall have put on immortality then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." That it is our duty to be tender and affectionate to one another and to study the happiness of the people of God in general and to singly engage to promote the honor and glory of God. Gal. 6: 10; 1 John 2:9.

14. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, of both the just and unjust; the just to glory and immortality in the presence of God; the unjust to everlasting shame and banishment from the presence of God. Matt. 24:31; Cor. 16:42; Thes. 1:10; Rev. 20:12-13.

YOUTH CAMP

The youth meeting of the Eureka Association met in June for the yearly meeting at the Free Will Baptist Tabernacle. Meeting was opened by singing "Heaven's Jubilee". Prayer was by Bro. Jerry Copeland.

Election of officers for another year. Moderator, Bro. Larry Palmer, secretary, Sis. Okla. McPeters, Song Leader, Misty Clough, Piano Player, Tammy Norrid.

TEACHERS AND SUBJECTS TAUGHT

Age group 6 years and under. Taught by Sis. Jennie Wilson, helpers were Dottie Willmon, Nita Barton, Gloria Palmer and Teresa Ross. They taught the Ten Commandments, had songs, games, crafts and puppet stories.

Ages 7 to 9. Teacher, June Looper. Subject was "The Life of Moses." First day, "When God Spoke," second session, "God's Rules are For Me to Obey," third session, "Shut Out of the Good Land," fourth session, "Striking the Rod," fifth session, Making a wooden plaque and a review of all lessons.

Ages 10-12. Teacher, Judy Perryman. Lessons were taken from Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Teaching of the parables and the miracles that were performed.

Teenages. Teacher, Charlynne Shaw. Subject was "Principles of Christian Growth." She gave five steps for the growth of a Christian. (1) Study the Bible (2) Pray (3) Fellowship with the brethren (4) Witness to sinners, and (5) Obey God.

Bible Teacher, Bro. Vanis King. Subjects taught were "What is a Christian?" and "Discipline." Average number of pupils, 20.

Monday morning after singing and united prayer, classes were arranged and teachers took charge. After being dismissed for lunch, they met back in the afternoon for singing and classes. The song leader, Misty Clough, sang "Camping in Canaan's Land," with Tammy Norrid at the piano. The teachers then took charge of their classes.

MONDAY NIGHT

Services opened by singing, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus". Then had special singing by a group from Sallisaw. Had prayer. Devotional service was lead by Bro. Jerry Copeland. Prayer by Bro. Bill Apple. Bro., Dale Wendlandt, the evangelist, preached from Corinthians 15: 19-25. Text, "What is a Christian?"

TUESDAY MORNING

Opened by Moderator Bro. Larry Palmer. Had singing and prayer, then classes began. Due to rain, the classes and service were held in buildings.

TUESDAY NIGHT

Services were opened by singing "I Want to Stroll Over Heaven With You." Had united prayer and special singing by the Sallisaw group and from the younger group. Devotional was lead by Bro. Nolen Mainus. The evangelist, Bro. Dale Wendlandt, then brought the message. Text, "How Jesus Speaks to You."

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Had singing, then classes were arranged. The morning message by the evangelist was from Romans 1-4. Text, "Who is that Man?"

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Sis. Jennie Wilson, teacher of the small children, had her group sing several songs. Had prayer by Bro. Glenn Kates. Devotional service was led by Misty Clough. Then classes were arranged. Had good service Wednesday night with Bro. Dale Wendlandt bringing the final message. Had a good youth service all three days with an average of 120 pupils.

